

products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1211. A bill to establish an Office of Foreign Science and Technology Assessment to enable the United States to effectively analyze trends in foreign science and technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1212. A bill to require the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey the Coast Guard Cutter *Mackinaw*, upon its scheduled decommissioning, to the City and County of Cheboygan, Michigan, to use for purposes of a museum; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1213. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of a principal residence by a first-time homebuyer; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1214. A bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. REED, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. INOUE, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1215. A bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in underdeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 1216. A bill to require financial institutions and financial service providers to notify customers of the unauthorized use of personal financial information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 1217. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to phase out the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for medicare benefits, to eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1218. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the Higher Education Act of 1965, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve recruitment, preparation, distribution, and retention of public elementary and secondary school teachers and principals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 1219. A bill to authorize certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1220. A bill to assist law enforcement in their efforts to recover missing children and to strengthen the standards for State sex offender registration programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DAYTON (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1221. A bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1222. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund tax and to maintain a balance of \$3 billion in the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1223. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the quality and efficiency of health care delivery through improvements in health care information technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1224. A bill to protect the oceans, and for other purposes to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. VITTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BURNS, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 165. A resolution congratulating the Small Business Development Centers of the Small Business Administration on their 25 years of service to America's small business owners and entrepreneurs; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 166. A resolution to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. Res. 167. A resolution recognizing the importance of sun safety, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent resolution recognizing the sacrifices being made by the families of members of the Armed Forces and supporting the designation of a week as National Military Families Week; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 169

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to identify a route that passes through the States of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas as a high priority corridor on the National Highway System.

S. 195

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 195, a bill to provide for full voting representation in Congress for the citizens of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 241

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 241, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 432

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 432, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 438

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 438, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the classification of a motorsports entertainment complex.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, a bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based

in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes.

S. 614

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 614, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 642, a bill to support certain national youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

S. 726

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 726, a bill to promote the conservation and production of natural gas.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to provide tax incentives to promote the conservation and production of natural gas.

S. 768

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 768, a bill to provide for comprehensive identity theft prevention.

S. 809

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 809, a bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies when pharmacists employed by the pharmacies refuse to fill valid prescriptions for drugs or devices on the basis of personal beliefs, and for other purposes.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. SMITH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued to finance certain energy projects, and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to preparation for an influenza pandemic, including an avian influenza pandemic, and for other purposes.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1007, a bill to prevent a severe reduction in the Federal medical assistance percentage determined for a State for fiscal year 2006.

S. 1039

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1039, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of depreciation of refinery property.

S. 1066

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1066, a bill to authorize the States (and subdivisions thereof), the District of Columbia, territories, and possessions of the United States to provide certain tax incentives to any person for economic development purposes.

S. 1076

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1076, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the excise tax and income tax credits for the production of biodiesel.

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1076, *supra*.

S. 1077

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1077, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a renewable liquid fuels tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1104

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1104, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs.

S. 1105

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1105, a bill to amend title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding international and foreign language studies.

S. 1112

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1112, a bill to make permanent the enhanced educational savings provisions for qualified tuition programs enacted as part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States by half by 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 1160

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1160, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore, increase, and make permanent the exclusion from gross income for amounts received under qualified group legal services plan.

S. 1177

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1177, a bill to improve mental health services at all facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 1197

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 1197, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. RES. 39

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 39, a resolution apologizing to the victims of lynching and the descendants of those victims for the failure of the Senate to enact anti-lynching legislation.

S. RES. 154

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 154, a resolution designating October 21, 2005 as "National Mammography Day".

S. RES. 155

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from

Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 155, a resolution designating the week of November 6 through November 12, 2005, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

S. RES. 158

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 158, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week beginning September 11, 2005, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1208. A bill to provide for local control for the siting of windmills; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, in order to protect our Nation's most scenic areas, Senator WARNER, the senior Senator from Virginia, and I are today introducing a revised version of the Environmentally Responsible Windpower Act of 2005. It will be introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman John Duncan, a Republican, who is chairman of the Water Resources Subcommittee, and by Representative Bart Gordon, a Democrat, who is the ranking Democrat on the Science and Technology Committee.

Senator WARNER and I have listened to our colleagues, and we have made several changes in our initial bill to simplify it and to make it the kind of bill we hope all Senators will think makes good sense. What we have done is to simplify the local notification procedures and to more precisely protect scenic areas of the country without impacting the entire coastline. We have also removed a provision regarding military bases that was in our bill since that can be addressed in other legislation.

Our revised bill would do three things:

No. 1, to protect America's most scenic treasures, such as the Grand Canyon, the Statue of Liberty, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and deny Federal subsidies for giant wind turbines within 20 miles of any national park, national military park, national seashore, national lake-shore, or 20 World Heritage sites in the United States.

No. 2, to protect our most pristine coastlines, it would deny Federal subsidies for wind turbines less than 20 miles offshore, which is the horizon of a national seashore, a national lake-shore, or a National Wildlife Refuge.

No. 3, to enhance local control, which most of us believe in, it would give communities a 180-day timeout period from when a wind project is filed with

the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in which to review local zoning laws related to the placement of these giant wind turbines.

This legislation is necessary because my research suggests that if the present policies are continued we will spend over the next 5 years nearly \$4.5 billion to subsidize windmills. Because of those large subsidies, the number of the giant wind turbines in the United States is expected to grow from 6,700 today to 40,000, or even double that number in 20 years according to estimates by the Department of Energy and the Union of Concerned Scientists.

These wind turbines are not your grandmother's windmills, gently pumping water from the farm well. Here is just one example, which my colleagues from Alabama and South Carolina will especially appreciate. The University of Tennessee has the second largest football stadium in America, seating 107,000 people. The Senator from Alabama and I sat there while Auburn University beat the tar out of the University of Tennessee last year. I ask him to imagine that just one of these giant wind turbines would fit into that stadium. It would rise to more than twice the height of the highest skybox.

Its rotor blades would stretch almost from 10-yard line to 10-yard line. And on a clear night, its flashing red lights could be seen for 20 miles. Usually, these wind turbines are located in wind farms containing 20 or more, but the number can be more than 100. They work best, of course, where the wind blows best which, in our part of the country, is along scenic coastlines or scenic ridgetops.

Now, reasonable Members of this body may disagree about the cost, effectiveness, and appropriateness of such wind turbines. We can have that debate at another time. But at least we ought to be able to agree not to subsidize building them in places that damage our most scenic areas and coastlines.

Since wind turbines of this giant size are such a relatively new phenomenon, it fits our American traditions to give local communities time to stop and think about their most appropriate location.

In conclusion, Mr. President, let me emphasize that our legislation does not prohibit the building of a single wind turbine. It only denies a Federal taxpayer subsidy in highly scenic areas. And it ensures local governments have the time to review wind turbine proposals.

This revised version does not give local authorities any power they do not already have. It simply gives them a little time to act.

We intend to offer our legislation as an amendment when the full Senate debates the Energy bill next week, and we hope our colleagues will join us in this effort to ensure the Federal Government does not provide tax incentives that ruin the beauty of our most pristine and scenic areas around our country.

Egypt has its pyramids, Italy has its art, England has its history, and the United States has the great American outdoors. We should prize that and protect it where we can. One way to do that is to make sure when we look at the Statue of Liberty, when we look at the Great Smoky Mountains, when we look at the Grand Canyon, we do not have giant windmills, twice as tall as Neyland Stadium, with flashing red lights, in between us and that landscape.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the text of the legislation which Senator WARNER and I are introducing, a copy of the attachment which includes the approximately 200 highly scenic sites that could be protected by the Environmentally Responsible Windpower Act of 2005, and two editorials from Tennessee newspapers—one from the Chattanooga Times Free Press and one from the Knoxville News Sentinel—which comment on the previous legislation we introduced.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1208

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Environmentally Responsible Windpower Act of 2005".

SEC. 2. LOCAL CONTROL FOR SITING OF WINDMILLS.

(a) LOCAL NOTIFICATION.—Prior to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issuing to any wind turbine project its Exempt-Wholesale Generator Status, Market-Based Rate Authority, or Qualified Facility rate schedule, the wind project shall complete its Local Notification Process.

(b) LOCAL NOTIFICATION PROCESS.—

(1) In this section, the term "Local Authorities" means the governing body, and the senior executive of the body, at the lowest level of government that possesses authority under State law to carry out this Act.

(2) Applicant shall notify in writing the Local Authorities on the day of the filing of such Market-Based Rate application or Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Form number 556 (or a successor form) at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Evidence of such notification shall be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

(3) The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission shall notify in writing the Local Authorities within 10 days of the filing of such Market-Based Rate application or Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Form number 556 (or a successor form) at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

(4) The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission shall not issue to the project Market-Based Rate Authority, Exempt Wholesale Generator Status, or Qualified Facility rate schedule, until 180 days after the date on which the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission notifies the Local Authorities under paragraph (3).

(c) HIGHLY SCENIC AREA AND FEDERAL LAND.—

(1) A Highly Scenic Area is—

(A) any area listed as an official United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization World Heritage Site, as